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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Al Munro

At the last coin club meeting, one of the new members told me that he always enjoys my presentations at the meeting's 'show and tell' feature and that he never knew there were so many interesting topics, including wooden nickels, in numismatics. I explained why I started collecting wooden nickels and one of the CAWMC members who was also present, suggested I share my story with the rest of the CAWMC members. So, here it is.

Back in 1982, my mother was a resident in an auxiliary hospital and one of her roommates had an accumulation of world coins. She showed her 'collection' to me and one of the items was a wooden nickel from the '3 Peeks Cafeteria' in Olds, Alberta. At the time, I worked in the same building as Garry Braunwarth, the co-founder of CAWMC and I knew he collected wooden nickels. I took the '3 Peeks' wood to show Garry. He did not recognize the wood and did not have one in his collection. Later in the week, Stan Clute came in to visit Garry, while I was in his office, and I showed the wood to Stan. He also did not recognize the wood, nor did he have one in his collection. At this point, I realized that if I started collecting 'wood', it might be possible to amass a collection that was unique to any other collection and the collection would not be limited to the size of my wallet but only by the effort I was willing to put into it.

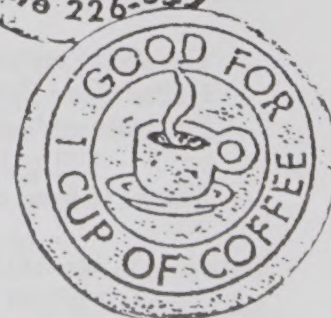
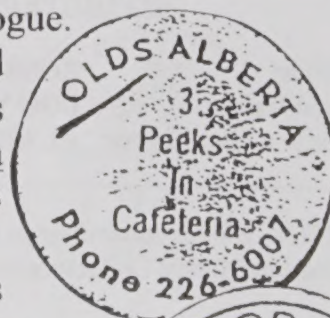
Stan and Garry both helped me get started by providing duplicates from their personal collections as well as giving me copies of their own personal issues.

Over the years, I have been very successful in tracking down new issues and some of my fellow collectors started calling me 'Digger', a name that I later incorporated into my e-bay handle. When my mother's roommate gave me that '3 Peeks' wood, we found out that even though Gary and Stan were not familiar with it, it had previously been listed in the late Norm Well's catalogue.

I have started receiving renewals for the year 2008 membership and remind everyone that it is now time to get that renewal form in. If you have questions regarding your membership status, please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You may also contact me at Box 2643 Station 'M' Calgary, AB, Can., T2P 3C1.

By the time you read this message, American Thanksgiving celebrations will be over for another year and we will be getting ready for Christmas. My Christmas flats were ordered in good time and were ready for inclusion in this newsletter. As the greeting message on the flat indicates, my wife Marion and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. We also extend our best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Editor's Note: I dug out Norm Well's book to show the photo of the '3 Peeks' wood mentioned by Al above. This is a very scarce wood. Al indicates that the restaurant no longer exists but that the building is still there.



PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995
(deceased)

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003
(deceased)

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

“FREE WOOD” PACKAGES ENCLOSED:

For all those many members for whom I hold back the monthly ‘free wood’, I have enclosed your early Christmas present of ‘free woods’ issued throughout the year 2007.

There were twelve newsletters this year with twelve ‘free woods’. January 2007 and this month, Dec. 2007, were flats each of which were enclosed with the newsletters. The remaining 10 ‘free woods’ **are enclosed**. Thank you to all who donated this year.

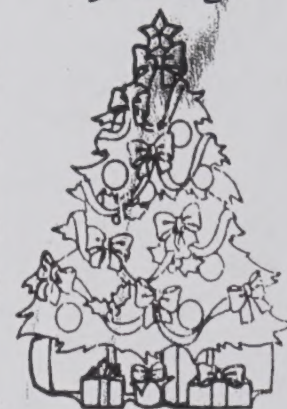
Once again, our ‘Friend In The Woods’, **Lou Vesh** has made and donated these cardboard inserts. He has been doing this for some fourteen years now. A very sincere ‘thank you’ to you, Lou.

If those members, for whom I do not currently hold back monthly free woods, wish to have theirs held back, as well, just contact me and it will be done.

*Best Wishes For
Health, Happiness
And Prosperity
Throughout
The New Year*

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*Seasons
Greetings*



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International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. ‘M’, Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

As noted in the President’s Message, this month’s free wood is courtesy of our president **Al Munro** and wife **Marion**.

Thank you for this donation Al and Marion.

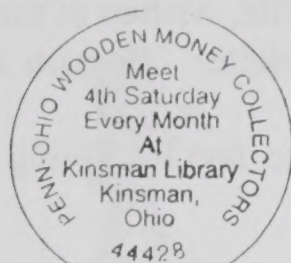
The wood was made by Norm Belsten and is red/green in colour both sides.

This flat is included in all newsletters this month as flats usually escape the mutilation by the post office, sorting machinery.

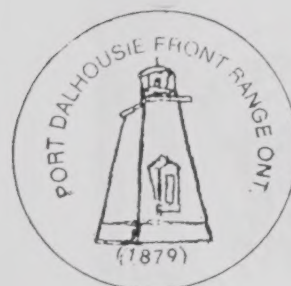
Hopefully it arrives safely.

LAKE ONTARIO LIGHTHOUSE SETS AVAILABLE:

The *Penn/Ohio Wooden Money Collectors* issued a set of 41 *Lake Ontario* Lighthouse 'woods' this past September. The set of 41 'woods' has 21 woods on the Canadian side of Lake Ontario and 20 woods on the U.S.A. side. The entire set of 41 'woods' sells for \$25.00 U.S. postpaid and is available from CAWMC member *Rich Boyles 734 Greenfield Rd. Mercer, PA, 16137*. Shown here are the 21 Canadian side 'woods'. The 20 U.S.A. side 'woods' will be shown in a future issue of 'Timber Talk'.



Common Reverse



C.A.W.M.C. MEMBER PROFILE - PAST AND PRESENT:

Editor's Note: Earlier this month, I received this very recently issued wood from C.A.W.M.C. member **Stan Clute**, now residing in Calgary, Alberta. Stan has issued this wood to recognize his 60th birthday. When Stan sent along the wood to me, he included a short note and I have taken the liberty of re-printing its contents here, as it includes some very interesting comments, from Stan, that I'm sure other members will enjoy reading, and it also explains the caricature design on the wood. This also gave me the opportunity to dig out an 'old' profile, written at the time, by Stan, and published in the American publication, I.O.W.M.C. newsletter "*Bunyan's Chips*" back in 1981 (see page 5).

So, to Stan, a big '**thank you**' for sending along the woods, this included note, and for giving me an excuse to use this former profile of him. I would certainly be pleased to receive profiles from other members as well.

Stan's Note:

Dear Ross, Please find enclosed two examples of a personal wood that I issued for my 60th birthday last month. One hundred of these, were made, by Norm Belsten, for me. Most were given to relatives, Masonic Lodge brethren, members of the Calgary Numismatic Society and a few friends of long (50 years or more) standing. I still have a very few left, and if anyone wants one, they should contact me at Apt. 113, 710 - 57 Ave. S. W. , Calgary, AB, Can. T2V 4Z6, and I will send out on a first come- first served basis until they are gone.

My life has been far from commonplace, beginning with my entrance into it. At about 8:00 a.m. October 29, 1947, in a Toronto hospital, a baby boy weighing 10 lbs. 6 oz. was delivered by caesarian section, the only child of a 44 year old father and 40 year old mother. The next six decades sped by much too quickly. Even my 50th birthday passed ten years ago with hardly a notice from me. I was too busy with other projects.

This year, I decided that I should slow down and savour the 'big day' - and I have to admit, 'It was fun'.

The caricature, on the wood was reduced in size from a much larger drawing. I happened to walk into a local bank on a 'customer appreciation day' about a year ago. The bank had hired a professional artist to draw caricatures of their customers, so I allowed myself to be persuaded to have one done of me. My use of this design , on the wood, has caught the attention of many recipients, and I have received a lot of comments from 'It's a very good likeness of you.' to 'It doesn't look like you at all.'. Regardless, it has drawn attention to the wood, which was the main idea.

I hope to be able to send you a companion piece to it, in 60 more years.

Regards, Stan Clute



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STANLEY CLUTE

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The subject of this Portrait first entered the world at Toronto, Canada on October 29, 1947, and grew up mostly within the metropolitan boundaries of that City. After finishing high school, I worked for six years before leaving the work force to enter the University of Toronto in 1975. I obtained a 4-year (i.e. 20 course) B.A. in 1977 and a Bachelor of Education degree the following year. In July 1979 I moved West to Calgary, Alberta where I am employed as a combined purchasing agent and salesman.

A collector for 17 years, I have been publicly active in numismatics since 1970, holding numerous club offices, including being current Second Vice-President of the Calgary Numismatic Society, Vice-President and Editor of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors. I am a Past President of the North York Coin Club, past Assistant Editor of the Canadian Numismatic Journal, and past editor of several club and regional bulletins. In 1978, I was Chairman of the Canadian National Exhibition coin exhibit, and of the Spring seminar of the Ancient Coin Society. I was founding Secretary of the Ancient Coin Society of Canada (1972). A frequent speaker and exhibitor at numismatic gatherings, I have also published numerous articles on diverse aspects of the hobby in various journals. I have been a columnist for Canadian Coin News since 1973. I am a member of numerous collector organizations including CNA, ANA and ANS.

I now collect mainly pre-Revolution French jetons, Canadian wooden money and historical newspapers. I got into wood collecting because I figured it was easier than continually passing along the free woods people kept giving me; this led me into a hobby from which I now derive great enjoyment.

SKAGWAY'S "PIZZA STATION" WOODS: *by David Phillips*

Recently, when on a Holland American Alaskan Cruise, and docked at Skagway, one of the ports of call, I got wind of some 'new' wooden tokens used in Skagway. I hied myself off to the rumoured location of these woods, and discovered that "Yes indeed, there were three wooden tokens obtainable from *Skagway's Pizza Station*". This is a Skagway eatery, specializing in pizza, with many types of drinks available to help wash it down!

There were three tokens available *all the same, except for colour*. (Black, Green, Red)

I purchased one of each colour, but was not able to conclusively determine if there was a distinction between them, e.g.: Each colour was for a different value of drink, but each coloured wood cost me the same as any other coloured wood, which was \$4.00 each.

I was able to find out that the Pizza Station commenced operation in 2003 and the woods were introduced at that time. Now, in August of 2007, the woods are being phased out and replaced with a paper chit. Very few woods are left in the till of this Pizza Station, and soon these few will 'all be gone!!'.



PERSONAL WOODS ISSUED:

C.A.W.M.C. member **Dennis Skea** of Poughkeepsie, New York has issued two personal woods and a wooden *business card*. In his note to me he states that 'As a tax accountant, I felt that giving away some money was a good 'hook'. Dennis also collects transportation tokens besides being a 'lignadenarist'. Dennis' two woods and business card are shown here. He can be reached at 25 Argent Drive Poughkeepsie, New York, 12603 or e-mail dpskea@hotmail.com. If you have a wood to trade he'd like to get it. Woods are available for the postage, which is \$.69 to Canada and \$.41 within the U.S.A.

